

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 An expandable well screen provides increased collapse, torsional and
tensile strength. In a described embodiment, an expandable well screen includes
a generally tubular base pipe and an external filtering media. The well screen is
configured to have sufficient torsional and tensile strength for conveyance and
positioning in a wellbore, while also having sufficient strength to prevent collapse
when the screen is radially expanded.